

DESERT AIRMAN

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

Friday, Dec. 14, 2001

City officials, D-M members train together ...



Master Sgt. Steve Nolan

Tucson City officials and D-M teamed-up Saturday for Weapons of Mass Destruction response training at Santa Rita High School. Members from the 355th Wing Inspector General's Office Exercise Evaluation Team, 355th Security Forces Squadron, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron, Disaster Preparedness and Medical Readiness joined Police and Fire Departments from Tucson, Rural Metro and Green Valley in the Office of Emergency Management exercise.

355th Wing mascot, Services improve quality of life

By Tech Sgt. B. Coors-Davidson
355th Wing Public Affairs

To improve D-M quality of life programs, the 355th Services Squadron is "thinking outside the box."

One of the new ideas is an official wing mascot. The yet to be named coyote will be seen around base delivering pizza and balloons, cheer-leading at base sporting events and special functions and even making impromptu appearances at events like commander's calls and inprocessing briefings.

Services asks D-M members for help in finding an appropriate name for the coyote, and offers a \$50 Services Certificate to the person with the selected entry.

"The coyote is only one of the ideas we are working to improve quality of life for all D-M members and their families," said Lt. Col. Michael Archuleta, 355th SVS com-

mander. "The best way we can provide quality services to D-M people is for D-M people to tell us what services they want and need."

In addition to the new mascot, SVS marketing is working on an improved style news letter to keep the D-M community informed of programs, services and activities.

Another recent Services improvement includes the Stormy's Cyber Cafe', aimed at offering more activities and options to dormitory residents.

"We are here to serve the entire D-M community with countless activities and functions," said Dan Thelen, Services Marketing director. "That includes everything from the fitness, community and youth centers to outdoor recreation, the Officers' and Enlisted Clubs and the golf course."

To submit a name for the coyote, or for more information on other 355th Services activities, see: www.dmservicesonline.com.



Karen Halstead

Lt. Col. Michael Archuleta, 355th Services Squadron commander, helps Coyote, the new 355th Wing mascot, try on names for size. The 355th SVS marketing office seeks help from Davis-Monthan members in coming up with a name for the coyote and offers a \$50 Services Gift Certificate for the winning submission.



Col. Paul Schafer
355th Wing Commander

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people.

Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements.

The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to **contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here.** Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is **228-4747.**

An e-mail can also be sent to: 355thWingCommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base

populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published.

Agency numbers

AAFES Agencies.....	228-3904
Accounting and Finance	228-4964
Chaplain.....	228-5411
Civil Engineering.....	228-3401
Clinic.....	228-2930
Commissary.....	228-3116
Family Support.....	228-5690
Fitness Center.....	228-3714
Housing Office.....	228-3687
Inspector General.....	228-3558
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Lodging.....	228-4845
Military and Civilian Equal Opportunity Office	228-5509
Military Personnel.....	228-5689
Public Affairs.....	228-3204
Security Forces.....	228-6178
Services.....	228-5596
Transportation.....	228-3584

Flags on uniforms

Uniform Question: My question is about flags on uniforms.

I understand that Congress urged American citizens to display the flag as much as possible; however, we are being told we still cannot wear them on our uniforms.

I find it hypocritical that people, who provide safety for their country, cannot wear and show support of their country's flag.

Response: Air Force members are allowed and encouraged to submit recommendations for changes to any uniform according to AFI 36-2903, Chapter 7. These suggestions are considered from the field through the MAJCOM to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force Uniform Board.

Unfortunately, the 95th Uniform Board, which convened in August 2000, disapproved a request to authorize wear of the flag on the utility uniform.



As of today, there is no appeal of the CSAF Uniform Board decision. Again, thank you for your inquiry and I salute you for your patriotism.

If you have any other questions regarding wear of the uniform or how to submit changes to the Air Force Uniform Board,

please contact the Military Personnel Flight, Personal Affairs section at 228-3664.

Pet problem in housing

Pet Concern: I am writing to complain about a dog in the home behind ours.

Several times we have called-in complaints to Housing and Security Forces and nothing has been done about this dog. He constantly barks and barks for no reason. It is hard to sit on the patio and enjoy a cup of coffee.

We wonder what we can do about it?

Response: Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to explain the housing policy concerning pets residing in base housing.

When a complaint is made for the first time, it is validated by a housing official who will make contact with the resident or the resident's first sergeant. Once validated, the complaint is filed in the resident's housing folder.

If a second complaint is logged, the housing official contacts the resident's first sergeant and requests assistance in resolving the problem.

In this specific incident, this is the first documented complaint received concerning the barking dog. The complaint has been verified and housing officials are currently working with the resident to ensure this doesn't happen again.

Please contact Clancy Duran at 228-5705 if you have any further concerns.

Davis-Monthan Unit Public Affairs Representatives

Unit Public Affairs Representatives are the "eyes and ears" of the 355th Wing Public Affairs office. Each squadron has unique individuals that have interesting stories to tell, whether it is about sports, awards, lifesaving acts, IDEA program contributions, etc.

Stories also include units making improvements to the methods or processes that they use or to squadron facilities or community areas via self help projects. UPARs are responsible for getting the information to PA in a usable format and in a timely manner.

The PA staff focuses on issues that effect the base populace in general and UPARs judge the input for newsworthiness or unique human interest appeal before forwarding it to the PA staff.

Public Affairs utilizes UPARs to

better tell a squadron's story. UPAR responsibilities include:

- ◆ Provide news ideas as well as write and shoot photos of squadron activities for submission to the base newspaper;
- ◆ Review and solicit Hometown News Release submissions;
- ◆ Review squadron submissions to the base marquee and Commander's Access Channell (COX Communications Channel 75)
- ◆ Seek volunteers for tours and speaking engagements

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Secretary, chief of staff send holiday message

(Editor's note: The following is a holiday message from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper:)

"Season's greetings!

"This holiday season marks the end of an emotional year for all Americans; a time reserved for reflecting on past events, counting blessings, and looking to the future and the promise of the new year.

"While the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001 weigh heavily on the hearts of all Americans, our spirit continues to rise from the ashes of New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania. America's abundant blessings are more evident than ever; we now appreciate things once taken for granted.

"Our nation turned to its military for strength and character during this critical time and America's military again answered her call.

"As in holidays past, America's airmen can be found across the globe, in over 115 countries, making a stand for freedom and eliminating the scourge of terrorism. Like all Americans, these airmen cherish holidays spent with family and friends, but faithfully choose to serve their nation. America is blessed by your service.

"On behalf of a grateful nation, we give thanks for the selfless sacrifice of those who wear the uniform. Know that you and your families are foremost in our thoughts and prayers during this special season."



Karen Halstead

Cookie Crunch ...

From left, Sayre Lawrence and Melody Armstrong, Davis-Monthan Officers' Spouses Club members, wrap donated cookies for D-M dormitory residents Tuesday.

More than 650 cookie gifts were prepared. The Cookie Crunch drive is an annual volunteer military community project, encompassing active-duty members, retirees, spouses and family members from all branches of the military.

Emergency Numbers

Ambulance.....	911	Mortuary Officer.....	228-5964 or 4414
Casualty Assistance.....	228-3686	(After duty hours).....	228-3121
(After duty hours).....	228-3121	Command Post.....	228-7400
Duty Chaplain.....	228-5411	355th Security Forces Crime Stop....	228-4444
(After duty hours).....	228-3517	Safety.....	228-5558
Fire Reporting.....	911	(After duty hours).....	909-0316
Public Affairs.....	228-3204	Base locator.....	228-3347
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News Notes

New customer service hours

The new customer service hours for the 355th Comptroller Squadron, Mission Support Squadron and Traffic Management Office are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For emergency after-hours support, call the 355th Wing Command Post at 228-7400.

Holiday Hours

Following is a list of D-M agencies with special holiday hours:

Family Services- The Family Services Office is closed from Dec. 21 through Jan. 2.

Housing Office- The Housing Office is closed Dec. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Dec. 24 and 25. For emergencies, call Housing Maintenance at 228-8600.

355th Medical Group- The 355th Medical Group closes all facilities Dec. 24, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. The weekend clinic is open for acute problems from 8 to 11:30 a.m., Dec. 22 and 23. For more information on the weekend clinic or for an appointment, call 228-2828. To reach a primary care manager after duty hours, call 513-0355.

WAPS testing for master sergeants

Master sergeants who cannot retire due to Stop Loss may request Weighted Airman Promotion System testing by memorandum with commander's endorsement. For more information, call Master Sgt. Fredrick Jones at 228-6775.

Family member insurance

The Office of the Secretary of Defense has authorized an extension for service members to make a decision on whether to decline or reduce coverage under the Family Member Servicemembers Group Life Insurance through Dec. 31.

All military married to military are required to bring a copy of their marriage certificate to the MPF to verify eligibility requirements. For more information, call Robby Robertson at 228-3664.

Housing area construction

Improvement to pavement and drainage in the Palo Verde Housing area begins Jan. 2. Affected areas include: Mustang Drive from Sunset Court to Tracker Drive; Lightning Drive; Saratoga Avenue; Saratoga Circle and Sunset Court from Saratoga Avenue to Mustang Drive

During construction, the asphalt will be replaced in these areas. Access to housing units will be maintained. For more information, call Jim Johnson at 228-5138 or 1st Lt. Mike Robirds at 228-3522.

D-M welcomes new club manager

By Karen Halstead
355th Wing Public Affairs

Davis-Monthan clubs have a new manager; who brings more than 19 years of club management experience to D-M. Jim Campbell, the installation club manager, will divide his time between the two clubs.

"We're very excited to have Mr. Campbell at DM," said Lt. Col. Michael Archuleta, commander, 355th Services Squadron. "We look forward to the new programs he'll initiate over the next few months. His vast experiences managing officers, enlisted and consolidated clubs will be an enormous benefit to our club patrons."

"I'm glad to be here," Campbell said. "And, I look forward to doing a good job and taking care of our members. We will be enhancing our customer service," he said. "For the first few months I want to get the feel for what our customers want."

"We will keep the programs that are currently working for us. Re-evaluate the ones that do not work and develop some new ones," he said. "We will do anything the membership will support."

Retirees play a major role in any club's success, according to Campbell. "But I'm not saying D-M's retirees are the ones sustaining our

clubs. During times such as high deployments though, we do depend on our retiree population.

"Clubs are for everyone (on base)," he said. "If the new programs we begin are successful at bringing in new customers, we will be able to maintain two clubs, but it (maintaining two clubs) falls back on what the membership is willing to support."

Campbell recommends customers use comment cards located in the clubs to make suggestions and recommendations for programs they would like to see added or changed at each of the clubs.

"It's nice to have customers stop me in the hall and tell me what they like or do not like," he said. "But it is so much more helpful if they also fill out a comment card so I have something written down to refer to."

Overall, he expects to revamp some programs and also plans to develop family-oriented programs.

The Enlisted Club will have a disc jockey for New Year's Eve, free to members and \$5 for non-members. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, breakfast and party favors. The Officers Club will also have a party with a band ensemble. Late reservations will be accepted through Dec. 31 by calling the Officers Club at 228-3301.

Deployed member family dining ...



Karen Halstead

From left, Lesli, Rebecca, Kristi, mother, and Jami have dinner at the dining facility during deployed family member dining sponsored by the Family Support Center and the 355th Services Squadron Tuesday evening. "This is a real stress reliever," Kristi, mother of the three girls said. "The food is good and the pricing is great. We'll use this benefit as often as possible." Deployed family members may take advantage of the dining benefits for the evening meal every Tuesday. For more information contact the Family Support Center at 228-5690.

OSI offers identity protection tips

By Karen Halstead
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 1990s were not a good decade for Carlos Torres, director of the 355th Wing's Military Equal Opportunity Office. He doesn't believe the new century is starting out very good either.

After finally winning an identity theft battle in court and enduring more than a decade of wrongfully being detained by law enforcement, he now faces a second round of identity theft.

Someone using a Phoenix, Ariz. address not only changed his address with the post office, but the thief also fraudulently applied for several credit cards. "It's a nightmare," he said. "What are the chances of having your identity stolen once, but twice?"

How can a person protect their identity? What can they do?

In Arizona it's a Class IV felony to steal someone else's identity. It's a reportable crime.

Identity theft occurs when a person knowingly takes, uses, sells or transfers any personal identifying information, of another person without the consent of that person, with intent to use the information for unlawful purposes.

The Federal Trade Commission is the nation's clearinghouse for identity theft. FTC responsibilities include: providing a toll free hotline, 1-877-ID THEFT, maintaining an identity theft database and providing consumer education.

Identity theft can occur through credit card fraud, communications services, bank fraud, fraudulently applied for loans or from forged government documents.

The Davis-Monthan Office of Special Investigations Detachment recommends these tips to help protect against identity theft:

- Have your mail delivered to a post office box instead of your residence or a community post office box.

- Shred all documents, including junk mail and receipts with even a part of your address, name, debit card or credit card numbers, phone number or any account number.

- Consider removing your personal information from mailing lists by contacting the Direct Marketing Association. For more information see www.the-dma.org.

- Cover your hand when inputting a pin number for purchases.

- When in public and asked for your phone number, respond in a quiet voice.

The FTC recommends these tips to protect against identity theft:

- Before revealing personal identifying information, find out what it will be used for and if the business shares it.

- Don't carry your Social Security card with you. Only give out your Social Security number when absolutely needed. Ask to use other types of identifiers when possible.

- Know your billing cycles and follow-up with creditors if your bills do not arrive on time. A missing credit card bill can be covered up when the thief changes your address.

- Remove your mail promptly from the post box. Make arrangements with your servicing post office to hold your mail when out of town.

- Password credit card, bank and telephone accounts. Avoid using easily accessible information such as a mother's maiden name, birth date's, last four numbers of the social security number, phone number or a series of consecutive number.

- Carry only the number of cards or identifiers you need.

- Avoid giving out personal information over the internet, by telephone or through the mail unless you initiate the exchange.

The FTC recommends anyone who detects they are the victim of identity theft take the following actions:

- Contact the fraud departments of the three major credit bureaus.

- Contact creditors for any account that has been tampered with or opened fraudulently.

- File a report with your local police, including the local AFOSI.

For more information contact the Family Support Center's Personal Financial Management program manager at 228-5690 or the FTC at www.consumer.gov/idtheft/.

Community needs holiday volunteers

The following are a list of volunteer opportunities during the holiday season that D-M members, dependent spouses and children, retirees and DOD employees can volunteer for:

Macy's Giving Tree

Volunteers are needed to work the Macy's Giving Tree at both the Tucson and Park Place malls for four-hour shifts between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. through Sunday. All items go directly to the children at Casa de los Ninos. For more information call Candace Perez at 624-5600 extension 501.

Arizona's Children Association

Adopt a family: Volunteers are needed to sponsor families during the holidays. Sponsors are responsible for buying, wrapping and tagging gifts. Gifts are due by Monday. Many families request grocery gift certificates.

Holiday Elves Program: Gifts are needed for 40 children residing at the Arizona Children's Association, ages 5 to 17; a wish list is provided.

Christmas Day: The association is seeking a group of volunteers to either: prepare and serve or to take the children to a local restaurant for Christmas dinner (or lunch).

Wrappers and drivers: Volunteers are

needed to wrap donated gifts. Drivers are also needed to pick up donations during the holiday season.

For more information about the Arizona Children's Association call Shannon Carloss at 622-7611 extension 1341.

Winterhaven lights

Volunteers are needed to help with the Winterhaven community holiday lights display Wednesday through Dec. 29.

Sing for Your Supper

Volunteers are needed Dec. 19 to sing carols at the Veteran Administration Hospital at 6 p.m. and in base housing, Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. Chili will be served to carolers Dec. 20, afterwards. For more information call 8-6040.

Diamond One Food Locker

First sergeants are having a food drive Saturday – food lists are available upon entry to the Commissary; money donations are also accepted. Canned goods are the only items accepted from off-base stores for security reasons. For more information, call 228-6017.

Angel Tree

The First Sergeants Association is collect-

ing gifts for children via the Angel Tree. The tree is located outside of the Base Exchange. For more information call Senior Master Sgt. Richard Schultz at 228-5744.

Toys For Tots

The Marine Corps has their annual holiday Toys for Tots drive. The on-base drop-off point is at the Family Support Center through Dec. 21. For more information, call 228-3891.

Community Food Bank

Donations are being accepted by the Tucson Community Food Bank. Drop-off locations are: International House of Pancakes (IHOP), Compass Banks, Fry's Food and Drug Centers, All State Insurance, National Self Storage, and in Winterhaven. The following are offering discount incentives for donations: Casa Video has a "Food Bank Thursday Special;" Sunset Photo; and Click's Billiards.

Canned foods, tuna fish and peanut butter are items currently needed to fill emergency food boxes. The need for emergency boxes are up 30 to 50 percent due to the recession. For more information call Lynn Perez-Hewitt, Community Relations director at 624-4111.

For more information about volunteer opportunities e-mail or call Luanne Seykora, Family Support Center volunteer coordinator, at 228-5690.

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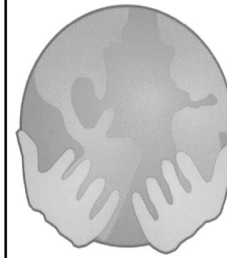
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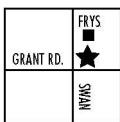
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65 D-M first lieutenants selected for promotion

The Air Force selected 3,408 first lieutenants, including 65 from D-M, for promotion in officer boards held at the Air Force Personnel Center Aug. 27 to 31.

Lieutenants meeting the calendar 2001-C Captain Central Selection Board were considered for promotion in the line, judge advocate general, chaplain, medical service corps, biomedical sciences corps, and nurse corps.

The selection boards considered 3,428 first lieutenants for promotion. The results of the boards are:

In-the-promotion zone line officers are 3,192 selected from 3,202 considered for a 99.7 percent select rate; JAG officers 10 selected from 10 considered and for Chaplains there are 14 selected from 14 considered.

There are 44 MSC officers selected out of 44 considered, 59 selected from 59 considered for BSC officers

and for Nurse Corps there are 85 selected from 86 considered for a 98.8 percent select rate.

Four line officers from 11 considered were promoted above-the-promotion zone for a 36.4 percent select rate. Two nurse corps officers were considered above-the-promotion zone but not selected. No JAG, chaplain, MSC or BSC officers were considered from above-the-promotion zone.

D-M first lieutenants selected for promotion to captain are:

355th Medical Support Squadron

Sarah Coors-Davidson
12th Air Force

Scott Partin

Suzanne Rourke

Saskia Trujillo

355th Wing

Chrissy Cuttita

Michael Lyle

John Vanderkaay

41st Electronic Combat Squadron

Stacey Gray

Jason Hurst
Conan Kennedy
Casey Waite

42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron

Jason Brightman
Anthony Cascarano
Bryan Gray
Susan Holthaus
Brian Moyer
Derek Taylor
Steffen Trudgen
Craig Wong

43rd Electronic Combat Squadron

Adam Burch
Jeremy Carter
George Cundiff
Philip Forbes
Kevin Maskell
Dereck O'Brien
Chad Tuttle

354th Fighter Squadron

Sammuel Berenguer
Diane Burch
Edward Burke
Michael Daftarian
Drew Dougherty
Richard Erkkila
John Stanley
Sam Harrison

Jason Ives
Richard Vasquez
Britt Warren

355th Air Operations Squadron

Adam Fiedler

355th Civil Engineer Squadron

Michael Freeman
Matthew Guise
Marshall McMullen

355th Component Repair Squadron

Jon Eberlan

Sarah Maile

355th Comptroller Squadron

Raymond Castro

355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Heather Eastlack

Andre Lecours

355th Logistics Support Squadron

Derek Bereit

355th Medical Operations Squadron

Karen Elliott

355th Supply Squadron

Timothy Schumacher

355th Training Squadron

Gary Gray

355th Transportation Squadron

Carol McCrady

355th Operations Support Squadron

Shaun Speranza

358th Fighter Squadron

Carrie Biehn

612th Air Base Squadron

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Jorge Lopez

612th Air Intelligence Squadron

Edward Gerard

Liza Hedden

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Freedom's price ... far from free, but worth it

By Lt. Col. Tim Saffold

354th Fighter Squadron commander

Freedom isn't free. Freedom has a price. As American fighting men and women, we hear this so often that it almost becomes a cliché uttered whenever anyone desires to exclaim the virtues of military service. Rather than inspiring us, it quite often seems to numb us. We hear the words but we don't connect the phrases to the sacrifices of warriors who have purchased our nation's heritage with hard work, sweat, and blood. Sadly, we even fail to realize that we are those warriors connecting the past with the future by honoring the memories of those who have gone before us. As we honor them, we honor ourselves by framing our future with the ideals and core values that make the price worth paying.

That price was very high for two good friends back in February of 1991. One would live to tell his story; one would die but his story would never be forgotten. I remember each of them quite well. One was a fellow flight commander; one was like a kid brother. I, myself, was a flight commander flying A-10s over the skies of Iraq in Operation Desert Storm. But this story isn't about me, it is about Storman and Oly—two exceptional warriors who believed in America and were willing to lay it on the line for Kuwait's freedom.

Storman was the first and his story has almost a comical beginning. The night before he was shot down, my other two roommates and I had had enough of Storman's incessant snoring. Louder and louder he would snore until finally Dodger took a broom handle and swacked him with it a couple of times exclaiming, "for God sakes man knock it off or we'll all die from lack of rest." It worked! Uninjured, the mighty Storman ceased his snoring and slept for another four hours before hitting the floor to begin a three sortie combat day. Little

did we know, before day's end, Dodger would regret broom whipping the Storman. And our squadron would have to begin a quick recovery from the shock of losing one of our very own.

Storman was working not too far from Al Jaber when he was hit. He almost made it to the border before ejecting; however, his wingman did not see him eject and assumed that he went in with the aircraft. A massive Combat Search and Rescue ensued. Hawgs from six different squadrons along with Marine Corps AV-8 Harriers converged on his location. Through a hailstorm of anti-aircraft artillery fire, pilot after pilot flew low and hard in search of the Storman. No one made contact. Enemy forces covered the area. By nightfall, the decision was made to call the search off; Storman was gone, presumed dead. The next day, we had a short memorial. We sang songs, threw nickels on the one clump of grass that was near our hooch, and listened to two different chaplains offer words of consolation. No amount of consolation could temper the rage, and we flew harder and meaner than we had ever flown before. The end was near. We could see the Iraqis breaking.

Then the combined air and ground operation exploded into Kuwait. Oly was a Forward Air Controller flying in front of advancing U.S. and British armor forces to direct air strikes against Iraqi republican guard units in Northern Kuwait. A hard-charging and fearless aviator, Oly flew every mission with a full sized American flag folded neatly in his cockpit. He was an aggressive perfectionist second to none. He knew quite well that the only way to end the war was to keep the pressure on, take the fight to the enemy, and not let up until the enemy capitulated or was destroyed. On this day, less than 12 hours prior to the cease-fire, Oly's OA-10 suffered heavy battle damage from an exploding enemy missile. He handled it in textbook fashion, defeating other enemy gunfire and missiles before reaching a

safe area where other A-10s could join him to determine the extent of the damage. It was quite extensive. Oly worked very hard to get his aircraft into Saudi Arabia to an airfield not too far from Al Jaber. There, he made the decision to land his badly shot-up jet. He could have ejected; however, he felt confident he could save his bird to fight another day and he almost made it. Oly crashed on short final and a genuine American hero's life ended just hours before the war was finally decided.

But what happened to the Storman? Happily, we would see the Storman emerge from an Iraqi prison and return home to a triumphant reunion. Emaciated and injured from torture, Storman suffered many months overcoming the effects of his captivity. Speaking tirelessly to groups across the U.S., Storman's message was loud and clear; freedom isn't free; freedom has a price.

With the events of September 11th still fresh in our minds and with combat operations in full swing in Afghanistan, Storman's and Oly's stories continue to inspire us in times of struggle. During these times, we turn to one another for strength, for courage and for inspiration to see our missions through.

Look around at all the faces at Davis-Monthan. Remember that we represent the highest ideals of freedom. We are America's vanguard. We are the connection between the past and the future. It is our responsibility to ensure we honor the memory of those who have gone before us in order to bring honor to ourselves and to our nation. We do that through our commitment to each other and through exceptional performance of our duties. Freedom isn't free. And because it isn't, it belongs to those who will guard it and cherish it in their hearts and with their lives. That means freedom belongs to you, warriors of D-M. Never forget it! And never let those who would try to take it from us forget that we will fight to ensure our freedom endures!

Final Answer

What gift would you like this holiday season?



Senior Airman Dora Salorzano
355th Communications Squadron

"I want to be with my family for Christmas."



Staff Sgt. Michael Larson
43rd Electronic Combat Squadron

"I want to go home to Ohio to be with my daughter."



Tech. Sgt. Scott Dougan
355th Comptroller Squadron

"A vacation with my family."



Staff Sgt. Carole Verger
355th Mission Support Squadron

"A vacation on an Alaskan Cruise."



Maj. Mike Leonas
355th Operations Support Squadron

"A new mountain bike."



Master Sgt. Gregory Pleasant
355th Wing

"Peace and quiet and to celebrate the birth of Jesus."

(Editor's note: "The Final Answer" is a forum for D-M members to voice their opinion on current events. Suggestions for "Final Answer" questions can be made directly to the Desert Airman at desert.airman@dm.af.mil.

Holiday season signifies hope, faith, diversity

By 1st Lt. Chrissy Cuttita
355th Wing Public Affairs

Winter holiday themes inspire us by way of faith and culture to better our community and remind us to be thankful for the people in our lives.

During Ramadaan, Muslims fast to gain Taqwaa (obedience to Allah) and eemaan (faith) and also seek nearness to Allah, acquire patience, cultivate good manners and sense Muslim unity.

Kwanza, an African-American celebration created to honor their ancestors and culture during the time of ancient African year-end harvest festivals, designates time during the holiday to reflect on unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, a sense of purpose, creativity and faith. "Umoja, which means being together and staying together, is the first day of Kwanza," said Amn David Patrice, 41 Electronic Combat Squadron. "Families gather together to talk about Umoja in the community and in their family." Community members seek to discover each other's

talent and skills and create ways to give to the community in which they live (ujima).

"Japanese New Years Day is seen as an opportunity for renewal and a fresh start," said Yuko Jarvis, dependent spouse. "People try to pay off all debts, settle arguments and clean their house, offices, and everywhere. Families gather together and feast on traditional Japanese foods like "Toshikoshi soba" (buckwheat noodles), "mochi" (rice cake) and "Osechi" (traditional New Years food such as beans, sea foods, and chestnuts) which each food means to have a long and healthy life."

During Hanuakah Jewish people reflect on times of personal accomplishments, especially remembering the past when they defeated the Greek in order to regain their religious rights. Around 165 B.C., after three years of fighting, the Maccabees victoriously reclaimed the temple on Jerusalem's Mount Moriah. Next they prepared the temple for rededication – in Hebrew, Hanukkah means "dedication."

Origins of Christmas celebrations are based on the Pagan Winter Solstice celebration established in third century Rome, Ro-

man Saturnalia. During this holiday, people conveyed love for one another by exchanging presents and feasting together. In 350 AD, the Christian church ordained this day to celebrate the birth of Jesus while incorporating some of the same rituals.

By taking my son to the Radio City Christmas Spectacular in NYC with my parents, I relived part of our city tradition portrayed in the musical first hand. Before Christmas day, mom would take my brother and I to dad's office Christmas party to meet Santa, eat food, socialize and receive presents. Then we would walk to Radio City Music Hall, gaze at the large lighted tree in Rockefeller Plaza, watch people ice skate around its rink, see the decorated shops of 5th Avenue and pray at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Everyone has something to celebrate this winter season. Even those celebrating the same holidays will celebrate it differently. "Some people go to a shrine, temple or see the first sunrise of the new year, go on a trip with their family, but everybody wishes for a good year," said Jarvis.

"Kwanza is a holiday everyone can celebrate because it represents freedom and the love for everyone," Patrice said. "It lets us appreciate everyone and all the many gifts they can offer.

At the end of Kwanza, everyone takes part of the Liberation Ceremony. This lets everyone become on big family. With everyone together it allows us as a nation to be one big military. As it is said, 'with unity there is strength.'

"Kwanza is a holiday everyone can celebrate because it represents freedom and love for everyone."

– Airman David Patrice
41st Electronic Combat Squadron

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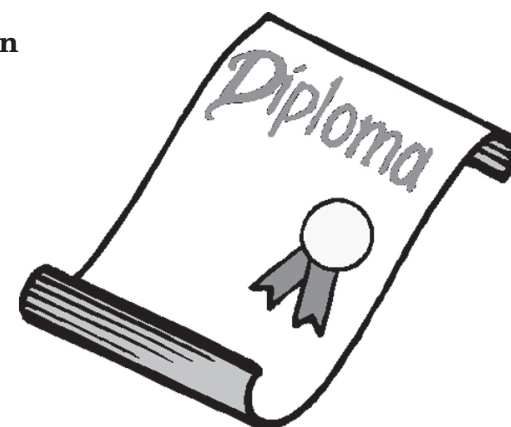
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by 2nd Lt. Sharon Ehasz
355th Wing Public Affairs**

A cold, wet nose right in the face ...

Slobber after drinking a gallon of water ...

The squeak from a wheel as a nocturnal animal runs round and round to get nowhere ...

The droopy eyes that cannot be resisted ...

Being stirred from sleep as a hairy four legged animal walks across the bed ...

And the ever joyous wet spot in the carpet that is inevitably found by a bare foot ... ah, the wonderful familiarities of the family pet.

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Abbie, an American Bulldog and clinic patient, receives care from Army Capt. (Dr.) Wayne Lipovitch, D-M veterinarian and section chief, as Abbie's owner, Angie Rutan, watches.

All pets great and small

Veterinary Clinic staff performs diverse duties

procedures and selling shampoo are not all that the clinic does for the base. As a military member, a Permanent Change of Station is inevitable. To help make the transition easier for the four-legged family member, the clinic provides information about the PCS requirements for animals. "As soon as you know of your PCS, please come see us. Certain bases have requirements that must be met, especially the bases in Europe

who require that your animal's rabies shot be at least 30 days old, but not more than one year," said the Veterinary Clinic office manager. In addition, the clinic provides health certificates, microchips for identification and can look at minor health problems.

These services may be all that the base populace sees, but the two Army veterinarians assigned to the clinic do much more. "The other aspect of our job here is caring for the Military Working Dogs. We are responsible to make sure that they are fit for duty and can be deployed," said Army Capt. (Dr.) Wayne Lipovitch, veterinarian and clinic chief.

Even those D-M members that do not own animals are impacted by the base veterinarians.

"Our mission affects people who don't own animals as well. Many of the diseases that affect animals may be spread to people. We are here to stop diseases before they affect people and mission readiness," said Army Maj. (Dr.) John Harmer, D-M veterinarian and Ft. Huachuca branch chief. "Our food inspection programs require that we inspect the ingredients in the food that the commissary and the dining facility serve our people."

So whether you are a pet owner or not, the D-M Veterinary Clinic is an active and important part of your life.

"Our mission at D-M is terribly important to us. It is our dream that people will come to the clinic not because we are convenient and have the lowest prices but because they and their animals were treated wonderfully. "From Kat at the front desk to our resident Army animal technician, Spc. (Angela) Hodge, to Dr. Dufficy, the Non Appropriated Funds veterinarian and the Army vets who come in for clinics, we have tried to assemble the best treatment team in the branch," sums Harmer.

"The key ingredient to the clinic's success is that we love animals and have always wanted to work with them," said Hodge, D-M animal technician.

To take advantage of the services provided by the clinic, come in during office hours to set up a record or call 228-3529 to make an appointment.



Graff, 355th Security Forces Squadron military working dog, gets an examination from Army Capt. (Dr.) Wayne Lipovitch, as Senior Airman Jessica Rioux, Graff's partner, assists.



Dunkin, the Veterinary office pet, keeps a watchful eye on the clinic staff.



Lipovitch discusses Tonto's health with owner, Beth Kendall.

Smartest Enlisted

Of all the Services, the Air Force has the most intelligent enlisted people. This is not just theory; it's provable fact.

Take the Army. When the stuff hits the fan, the young Army private wakes up to the bellowing of his first sergeant. He grabs his BDUs out of his footlocker, dresses, runs to the chow-hall for breakfast on the fly, then jumps in his tank. Pretty soon, the company commander, a captain, arrives, gives him a big salute, and says, "Give 'em Hell, soldier!"

Now take the Navy. When the stuff hits the fan, the Sailor is eating breakfast in the mess. He hustles the 20 feet to his battle station, stuffing extra pastries in his pocket as he goes. There he sits, in the middle of a big, steel target, with nowhere to run, when the captain comes on the 1MC and says, "Give 'em Hell, Sailors! I salute you!"

Now take the Marines. When the stuff hits the fan, the young Marine is kicked out of bed by his First Sergeant and puts on the muddy set of BDUs he

was wearing on the field exercise he was part of three hours earlier. He gets no breakfast, but is told to feel free to chew on his boots. He runs out and forms up with his rifle. Pretty soon, his company commander, a captain, comes out, gives the Marine a sharp salute, and says, "Give 'em Hell, Marine!"

And then there's the Air Force. When the stuff hits the fan, the airman receives a phone call at his off-base quarters. He gets up, showers, shaves, and puts on the fresh uniform he picked up from the BX cleaners the day before. He jumps in his car and cruises through the McDonald's drive-thru for an Egg McMuffin and Coca-Cola on his way into work. Once at work, he signs in on the duty roster. He proceeds to his A-10, spends 30 minutes pre-flighting it, and signs off the forms. Pretty soon the pilot, a young captain arrives, straps into the jet, and starts the engines. Our young airman stands at attention, gives the aviator a sharp salute, and says, "Give 'em Hell, Captain!"

As clear as mud ...

*Why is a PCS called a PCS? What's so permanent about it?
Who is this Airman Joe Bag of Donuts, anyway?
Where is the AFI dictating that decorations are awarded by rank, and must be awarded in order?
Why is it so important to get a flu shot right before going to a war zone? Wouldn't a shot to keep you from getting shot be better?
Who would ever want to go on "terminal" leave? Wouldn't "Wow, he looks way too young to retire" leave be better?*

The importance of SGLI

An airman was assigned to the Military Personnel Flight at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and was responsible for teaching basic trainees about Servicemen's Group Life Insurance.

For the first time ever, the SGLI sign-up rate was 100 percent. The airman's supervisor was impressed with this and attended one of the airman's briefings to see just how he managed to per-

suade everyone to sign up for the insurance.

During the briefing, the airman said, "if you have SGLI and go to war and are killed, the government has to pay \$250,000 to your family. If you don't have SGLI, and go to war and get killed, the government only has to pay \$6,000 to your family." "Now," the airman continued, "which group do you think they will deploy first?"

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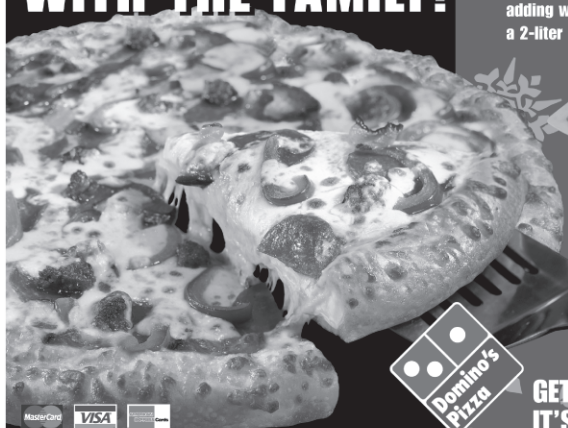
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"Dragons" fly past competition

357th Fighter Squadron takes top crud honors, shows TRS how it's done

Photo and story by
Tech. Sgt. B. Coors-Davidson
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 357th Fighter Squadron Dragons "A" team brought home the championship trophy in the 355th Wing Pearl Harbor Commemorative Crud Invitational Dec. 7 at the Officers Club, ousting the 355th Training Squadron in an easy final round win.

Three-man teams from 12 D-M units went head-to-head in the single-elimination tournament, battling for the coveted trophy bearing the inscription of a quote from Gen. Douglas MacArthur, "Upon the fields of friendly strife are sewn the seeds that, upon other fields, on other days, will bear the fruits of victory."

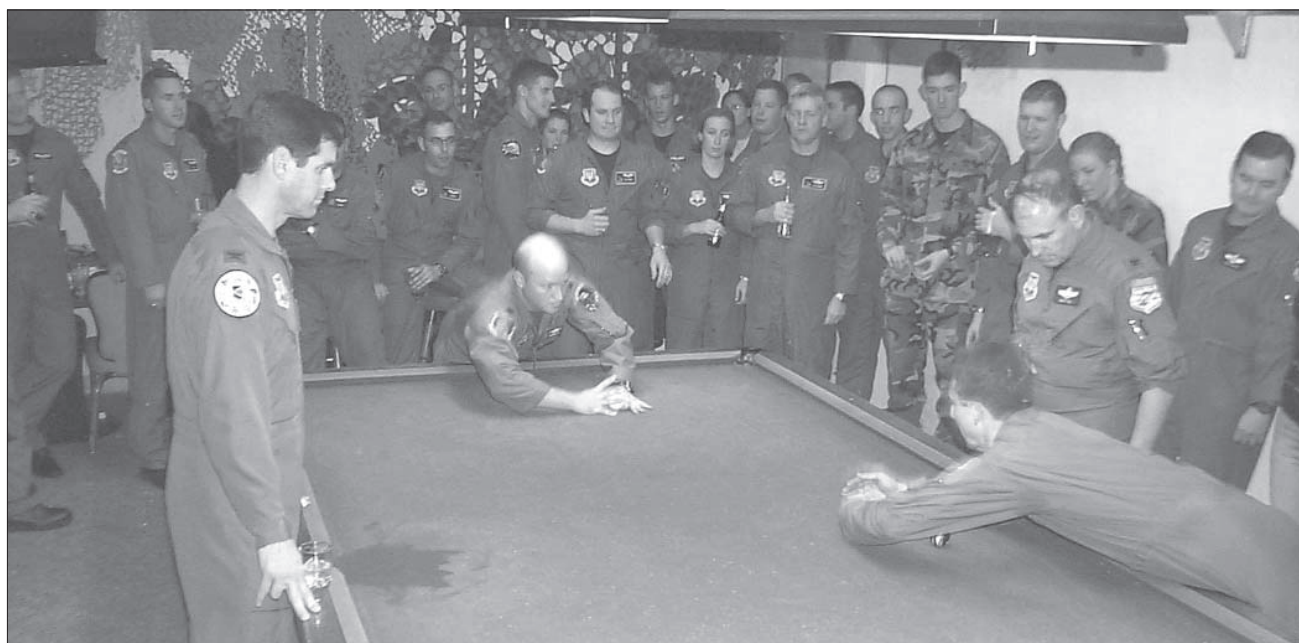
In the first round of play, the 358th Fighter Squadron "A" team and the 357th Fighter Squadron "A" team each took a bye when the 357th FS students and the 41st Electronic Combat Squadron were unable to field teams due to mission requirements.

It was difficult for the standing room only crowd of spectators to keep up with the opening matches as the first six fast-paced games were played out on three separate tables.

The game of Crud finds its origins in the Canadian Air Force with the 4 Fighter Training Base, Cold Lake, Canada.

The game is played on either a standard billiard table or larger size snooker table using only the white cue ball and one other solid color billiard ball called the "object" ball.

Two teams play at a time with three to six players on each team, attempting to sink the object ball in one of the corner pockets of the table by hitting it with the cue ball. The



Col. Robert "Rowdy" Yates, 355th Operations Group commander (left), and Col. Michael "Boot" Hill, 355th OG deputy commander, referee game 9 in the 355th Wing Pearl Harbor Commemorative Crud Invitational as a player (bottom right) invokes tactical deception measures.

player attempting to sink the object ball is called the "shooter."

When a player succeeds in sinking the object ball, the previous shooter from the opposing team loses a "life." A team wins the match when the other team runs out of lives.

The object ball must stay in motion at all times, and the opposing shooter may interfere with the shot by blocking the shooter's view of the object ball.

Round one

Game one- The 358th FS "A" team beat the 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron by three lives.

Game two- The 357th FS "A" Team advanced past the 355th Logistics Group by four lives.

Game three- The 357th FS "B" team assaulted the 358th Fighter Squadron, sending them home early and advancing into the second round by seven lives.

Game four- The 355th TRS upset the 354th

Fighter Squadron by two lives in what was a series of hotly-debated calls that brought the referee's eyesight into question.

Game five- The 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron edged past the 354th Fighter Squadron "B" team by a single life.

Game six- The 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron jammed the 355th Support Group's chances for advancement by two lives.

Round two

As more players were eliminated and forced to become spectators, even Miss. Cleo and her Tarot cards couldn't predict the tournament outcome.

Game seven sent the 355th OSS packing and advanced the 42nd ACCS by two lives, while on an adjacent table, the 355th TRS taught a lesson to the 43rd ECS and easily took the win with two players and five lives remaining in game eight.

————— See *Crud*, continued on page 16

Sports Shorts

Fitness Center locker fees

Locker fees at the Fitness Center are due by Jan. 1. The semi-annual fee is \$13 and the annual fee is \$24.

Football Frenzy

The Officers' and Enlisted Clubs offer Football Frenzy Sundays with free snacks, prizes and beverage specials along with the NFL Sunday Ticket. Participants can win a trip for two to the Super Bowl or Pro Bowl.

Also, vacations for four to Disneyland and Disney World will be given away.

A drawing for two tickets to the following week's Dallas Cowboys-Arizona Cardinals game in Tempe will be drawn at the enlisted club Sunday.

Ham shoot

Golfers can compete for a ham at the Blanchard Course's Sunday ham shoot.

The event is a two-person, blind-draw format and players compete from their own tees, with their own group and at their own tee time. The entry fee is \$5 with a current AGA or D-M handicap.

For more information, call the pro shop at 228-3734.

Men's soccer tryouts

Men's soccer tryouts are today, Tuesday and Dec. 21 at 5 p.m. behind the auto hobby shop.

For more information, call Jason Bowersock at 228-5257, or Kristi Beckman at 290-6285.

Women's soccer team

The D-M Thunder soccer team seeks women players. Recreational players, dependent spouses, high school girls older than 17 and first-time players are all welcome. New uniforms, an experienced coach and an easy-to-keep schedule offer a promising season.

Games begin in January when the team plays in the Tucson Women's Soccer League, and most games are scheduled for Sundays.

Practices are once or twice a week, depending on work and deployment schedules, and are always in the evening. Costs are kept to a minimum and the team is sponsored by the D-M sports program.

For more information, call Al Shaff at 625-3461 or Pam Belcher at 514-9270 or 228-3200.

607th ACS weight lifter sets four Arizona records

By Airman Kara Philip
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A Davis-Monthan member broke four Arizona weightlifting records recently at a Natural Athlete Strength Association Federation competition at Mesa High School, Mesa, Ariz.

Carl Lehman, 607th Air Control Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., heating, ventilation, and air conditioning technician, competed against 50 other weightlifters sweeping three categories and the overall competition.

"I found out about the competition about three months ago, but I only had a couple weeks to get ready," Lehman said. "There are several pre-meet cycles that get you to your max

right before a competition."

To win, Lehman squatted 518 pounds, bench pressed 408 pounds, and dead lifted 550 pounds for a total of 1,476 pounds, which broke the 1997 record by more than 100 pounds.

"A neighbor kid I knew would lift in his garage and one day I went with him. That's how it all got started," Lehman said. "Throughout high school I would lift with the team, but I couldn't compete because I wouldn't cut my hair. I just enjoyed doing it, not just the physical part."

Lehman didn't start competing until four years ago at Aviano Air Base, Italy.

"My first competition was in 1997, just for fun," Lehman said. "I didn't have my mind set on com-



Courtesy photo

peting. It was a bench press contest and I got first place."

Although Lehman maintains his time in the gym, there are other goals he hopes to achieve.

"I just started squats two years ago and I need to work on them,"

Lehman said. "I never liked working on my legs, but my squat weight was 518 pounds."

The Arizona records that Lehman broke were only a couple pounds off of the national weightlifting record.

Crud

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As the 357th FS Dragons "A" team waited to find out who would be their opponent in the final game of the evening, the 42nd ACCS and 355th TRS battled for the opportunity to take on the Dragons.

42nd player "Danger" was the first to give up a life, but the team quickly pulled ahead taking three consecutive lives, one from each player, from TRS. The TRS team rallied and tied the score, and it was a trade of life for life for the rest of the match. "Danger" was the first player sent out, followed by TRS members "Crox" and "Walaby," leaving "Biggles" to fend off 42nd players "Blower" and "Gopher."

Although the match seemed to lean in favor

of the 42nd, "Biggles" made quick work of "Blower" and set his sights on "Gopher," allowing him into an illegal block and forcing him to give up the ghost, squashing the 42nd's hopes of entering the championship match.

Col. Paul Schafer, 355th Wing commander, and Col. Robert Yates, 355th Operations Group commander, officiated the final game.

The 357th FS was represented by "B-Man," "Elvis" and "Foghorn," and the 355th TRS team was "Crox," "Walaby" and "Biggles."

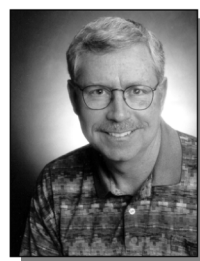
In a pre-game prediction, TRS player "Biggles" announced that it would be an easy win for his team and would end with TRS in the lead by at least two lives. Maybe "Biggles" had consulted with Miss. Cleo.

The 357th immediately took the lead and took the first life from "Walaby," who then

handed his opponents his second life for black-on-green— placing a boot on the playing surface. "B-Man" and "Elvis" lost the third and fourth lives in the match and what were to be the only two lives lost by the 357th.

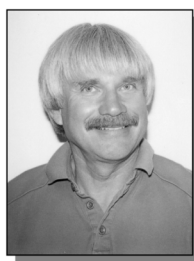
"Biggles" was the first TRS player sent out of play, but he was immediately followed by "Walaby" and then "Crox" in what was the quickest match of the evening, placing the 357th FS "Dragons" as the wing crud champions with all three players standing and seven lives remaining.

"These tournaments are an important part of who we are, and they help foster camaraderie and teamwork," said Lt. Gen. W.T. Hobbins, 12th Air Force commander. "I would like to build upon our tournament traditions here and invite D-M people to form women's and spouse's teams for future tournaments."



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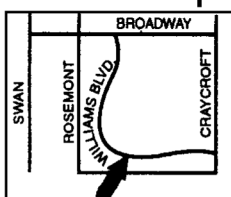
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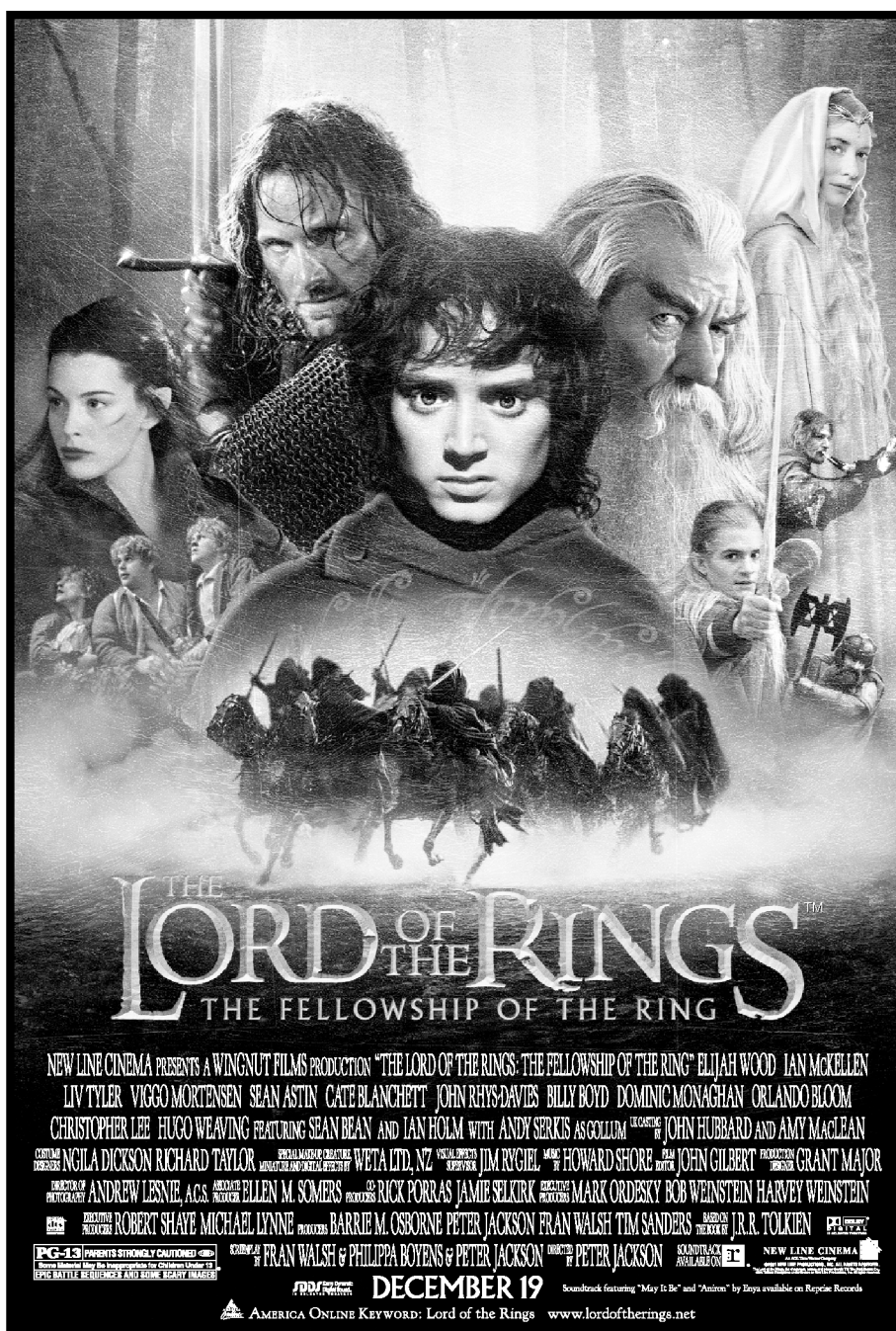
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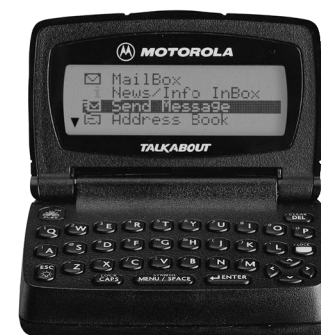
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Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m. Sacrament of reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m.

Daily: Catholic Mass and Communion is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m.

Protestant schedule

Sunday: Protestant Contemporary Service is at 8:30 a.m. at the Hope Chapel. Protestant Inspirational Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at the Hope Chapel.

Protestant Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m.

Friday: Marriage Builders is at 11:30 a.m. Registration required. Aim High Bible Study is at 7 p.m. For location, call 899-8320.

Saturday: Young Married Bible Study is at 6 p.m. For location, call 546-4553.

Monday: Protestant Women of the Chapel is a bi-monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Childcare is provided. Call for schedule.

Tuesday: Women's Bible study is 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Childcare provided. Singles Bible study is at 7 p.m. in the third floor dayroom, Building 4224.

Wednesday: Men's Ensemble meets at 4:30 p.m.; Cantata rehearsal is at 6 p.m.; Angel and Chancel Choirs meet at 7 p.m. Protestant Youth meet at 6:30 p.m. and Children's Bible study is at 7 p.m.

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A limited amount of donated toys from the Tucson community will be distributed on Dec. 18 and 19. E1 to E-4 members are scheduled to pick up toys on Dec. 18 and all other personnel pick up on Dec. 19 at the FSC, Building 3210. If you would like to donate toys, one drop-off point is the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center, located just outside the Wilmot gate. For more information and pick-up times, call 228-5690.

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Applications are now available for the Henry H. Arnold Education Grant. This \$1,500 grant for college is eligible to spouses and dependents of Air Force active duty members, and surviving spouses of members who died on active duty or in retired status.

Application deadline for the 2002-2003

academic year is March 15. Call for more information.

Sing for your supper

Volunteer to sing at the VA Hospital and Base Housing on Dec. 19 and 20 at 6 p.m. Chili will be served to all the carolers on the last day. Contact 228-6040 for more information.

Give Parents a Break

The next Give Parents a Break program is Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m. This program offers free childcare to active duty Air Force parents who need a break from the stresses of parenting for a few hours. Families who are eligible for this program include those where a parent is feeling stress due to a military member being deployed, recently moving to base or unique circumstances or hardships. Call for more information or a referral.

Education Services 228-3813

AFROTC Commissioning Program

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps has continued the one-year Professional Officer Course-Early Release Commissioning Program for fiscal year 2003. Students can complete an undergraduate degree or start a master's degree. Applicants may be eligible for a \$15,000 scholarship. Application suspense for classes beginning in August/September is March 1.

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ACT test dates

American College Testing is Dec. 28 at 8 a.m. (changed from 1 p.m.) in Building 3200, room 265. (Date and time are subject to change)


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Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
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Service Times



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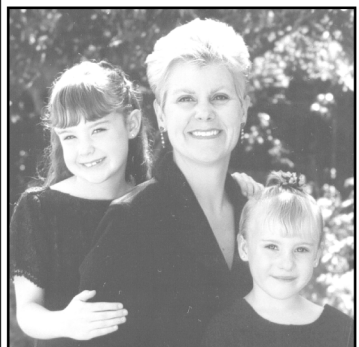
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Friday

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Saturday

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Sunday

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2 hours, 17 minutes

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Community Activities

Annual Christmas cantata

The Desert Dove Chapel's annual Christmas cantata performance is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. For more information, call 228-5411.

Free sneak preview

Free sneak preview of "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius" at the Base Theater on Sunday at 1 p.m. Free tickets can be picked up at the D-M Main Store or the D-M Burger King. Come early as seating is first come, first served.

Marriage Builders

Begins Jan. 18, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The class will be Fridays until March 1 with no class on Feb. 8. Lunch is provided. Space is limited. To register, call Chaplain (Capt.) Randall Groves at 228-5411.

Make it and take it

D-M members can make their own Christmas ornaments. Valid anytime the shop is open. Cost is \$1 for every ornament made and all supplies are included. For more information, call 228-4385, or visit Building 4531.

Make a scrap book

The Skills Center offers a scrap book making class on Jan. 12. Cost is \$10 and includes supplies. Additional sessions for the same student are \$8 each. To register, call 228-4385.

Christmas tree recycle

Christmas trees may be dropped off at the Base Recycling Center, Dec. 26 through Jan. 21. Trees must not have decorations. For more information, call Joe Uremovich at 228-2296.

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Bowling Center.....228-3461

Mon. - Thurs., 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Fri. 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Cabana Pizza.....747-3234

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Child Development Center.....228-3336

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Enlisted Club.....228-3100

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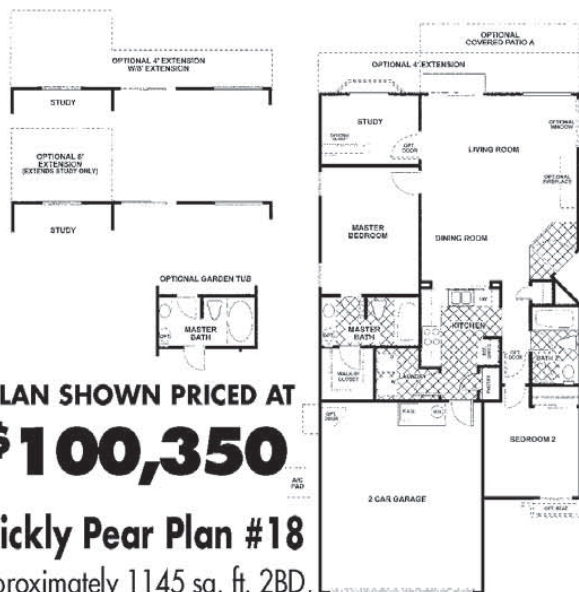


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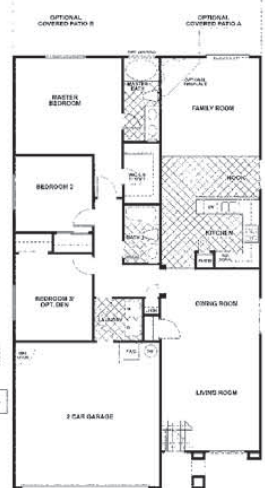
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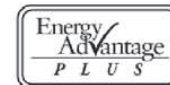
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